THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

Last week we discussed the "Floral FACTS" with you in this space and with our students each day at school. This week, we'll be reviewing the other acronym that helps remind of us of our core values and expectations – CARES:

<u>C</u>ooperation <u>A</u>ssertion <u>R</u>esponsibility <u>E</u>mpathy <u>S</u>elf-control

While the FACTS are largely aimed at helping us to *maximize our learning*, CARES is all about living out our other core values of *working together* and *respect*. It is these sorts of values and the discussions we have about them that form the foundation for a respectful community, and for supporting efforts like anti-bullying – which, in the end, is all about being kind to one another and advocating for our needs. We hope you have a moment this week to discuss these words at home with your children.

On another note, we would like to let parents know, if you did not otherwise hear, that President Obama asked that the nation observe a moment of silence this morning in honor of the victims of the tragedy in Arizona. All Shrewsbury schools have joined that moment of silence this morning; we began at Floral Street with these words:

"President Obama has asked that all Americans stop for a moment this morning to honor the innocent victims of a tragedy in Tucson, Arizona this past Saturday. Please send your good thoughts to the people who were hurt to help them recover quickly. We will now observe a moment of silence."

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Important Notes:

Idling

We want to take a moment to remind you that vehicles not be idled on school property – there is state law that came into effect in the last year or so that governs this, and it is aimed largely at air quality and environmental concerns. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at: http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=20-17

Important Dates

January 17

No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The full district school calendar is available at: http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf